



## NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

Department of Planning and Environment (Sydney Offices)  
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Your reference: SSD 10418  
Our reference: DA20210210000520-SEARS-1

**ATTENTION:** Rachel Carss

Date: Wednesday 24 February 2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

**State Significant Development – Extractive Industry  
Request for comments – exhibited Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)  
Mount Pleasant Optimisation 1100 Wybong Road Muswellbrook NSW 2333, 1//DP998239**

Reference is made to correspondence dated 10/02/2021 seeking comments regarding the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) currently being exhibited, for the above State Significant Development in accordance with the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

The New South Wales Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) has reviewed the EIS and provides the following comments;

1. A Fire Management Plan (FMP) shall be prepared to cover the existing and proposed mining operations. The FMP shall address fire fighting response to both structural (on-site) fires and vegetation (on & off site) fires impacting on the facility.  
A draft Fire Management Plan (FMP) shall be prepared for the proposed development and provided to the local NSW RFS District Office for comment. Any return comment from the District shall be adopted into an amended FMP. As a minimum, the FMP shall include:
  - 24-hour emergency contact details including alternative telephone contact;
  - Site infrastructure plan;
  - Fire fighting water supply plan that provides suitable fittings and identifies operational access for fire fighting vehicles to connection points;
  - Site access and internal road plan that has been designed and constructed in accordance with the fire trail specifications defined in section 4.1.3(3) of Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2006;
  - Construction of asset protection zones (APZ) around all critical assets and infrastructure and their continued maintenance;
  - Location of hazards (physical, chemical, and electrical) that will impact on the fire fighting operations and procedures to manage identified hazards during the fire fighting operations;
  - Mitigation measures designed to prevent fire occurring within the site, and prevent fire escaping the site and developing into a bush/grass fire risk to the surrounding area; and
  - Such additional matters as required by the NSW RFS District Office.

2. All habitable buildings to have BAL construction requirement, commensurate to the separation distance to any un-managed vegetation hazard, in accordance with AS3959-2018 *Construction of Buildings in Bush Fire Prone Areas*.

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Yours sincerely,

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